

[G. W. Hite]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Richard [Wait?] ADDRESS 1003 J St City

DATE September 29, 1938 SUBJECT American Folklore

1. Name and address of informant G. W. Hite
2. Date and time of interview Sept. 29, 1:38 - 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
3. Place of interview 232 Worth 11th
4. Name and address of person if any, who put you in touch with informant None
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Operates a grocery store and lives in two large rooms in the back of the store. Very clean and stock nicely arranged. [C. 15 Neb?]

FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER Richard L. [Wait?] ADDRESS 1003 J St., City

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT G. W. Hite 232 North 11th City

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1. Ancestry Yankee and German
2. Place and date of birth Vinton, Iowa, 1861
3. Family Wife and son
4. Places lived in, with dates Where Wilber now is, in 1863
5. Education, with dates Grade school and Junior College
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates Has operated stores or worked in one most of the time) farmed some.
7. Special skills and interests Considers himself a very good clerk. Likes fishing and hunting
8. Community and religious activities United Brethren
9. Description of informant Carries himself very straight and is very alert mentally
10. Other points gained in interview

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

NAME OF WORKER Richard [Wait?] ADDRESS 1003 J St City

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Two fellows by the name of [Oehlor?] and Abe Cox used to hunt around where Wilber is now located. They came from around what is now Swanton on Clatonia Creek.

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Both were very good shots, but a blizzard overtook them and they had no food and most all the animals were holed up. A large pole cat, or skunk, came in sight and they shot and ate it. But claimed it was very sweet and delicious meat. Both of [these?] men were very good citizens.

Mr. Hite lived on the Blue river one mile south and one mile east of Wilber. His father had a skift or raft and used to take freighters across. They took their wagons to pieces and hauled them across on this skift or raft. The horses or mules were ridden across. Mules were very hard to take across and he says he got many a ducking trying to take them across.

They used to put out "Salt licks" in ravines to attract deer, antelope, and elk, but said they were very hard to get to.

Mr. Hite came to Nebraska in a covered wagon with his father and mother when he was just a baby.